

Sermon Discussion (11/2/2025)

101 / Salvation / Acts 15:8–11

The church is growing. The growth is now involving the gentile population. No longer is will God's salvation be specifically with the Jews, but it will be with the gentiles as well. The evidence will be the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Main Question: What is salvation?

Points to Consider

1. Salvation is about your heart.
2. Salvation is receiving the Holy Spirit.
3. Salvation is a step of faith.
4. Salvation is by the grace of God.

Scripture References:

Acts 15:8–11 NIV

⁸ God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹ He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

Application Questions

- What was your salvation experience like?
- What role did the Holy Spirit play?

Love God / Invitation / Relationship

We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives.

- Read [Acts 15:8-11](#).
- How did the gentiles invite God into their lives?
- How do we know that they invited God into their lives?

Find Freedom / Learning / Clarity

Freedom is found when we learn a new way to think.

- Everyone in this passage is learning to think differently. What did the Jews think before this moment?
- What did the gentiles think?
- What were their thoughts after this moment?
- How did this set them free?

See God / Prayer / Affirmation

It is much easier for us to “see” God when we are communicating with God. Prayer is how we communicate with God.

- Are there ways the God communicates with us?
- How is God communicating in this passage?

Experience Healing / Serve Others / Opportunities

The brokenness in our hearts begins to heal as we serve other people.

- Is it possible that people are being healed in this passage?
- What is being healed?
- What role does this play in salvation?

Discover Joy / Gratitude / Community

The more grateful we are the more joy we feel.

- Who in this passage is grateful?
- Who is struggling with gratitude?
- What happens if we can't be grateful?